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SUBJECT: PROMULGATION OF TCA AND IGA

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1. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE TCA WILL EVENTUALLY BE PUBLISHED, BUT PARA 10 OF TCA PROVIDES ONLY THAT TCA WILL BE OFFICIALLY PROMULGATED IN SAUDI ARABIA. THIS DOES NOT RPT NOT MEAN PUBLICATION OF THE AGREEMENT BUT SIMPLY PROMULGATION OF THE ROYAL DECREE ANNOUNCING THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED AND SEALED BY A ROYAL DECREE.

2. A CHECK WITH DR. SULAIM BY AMBASSADOR INDICATES THERE ARE DISCUSSIONS GOING ON WITHIN THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE TCA AND THEY ARE SO FAR "POSITIVE." MEMBERS OF SAG HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED UNLESS EITHER SIDE GIVES NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO THE END OF THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD THAT IT DOES NOT DESIRE IT TO BE RENEWED. (DR. SULAIM IS AWAITING OUR REACTION TO THE SUGGESTION.) SINCE THIS WOULD REQUIRE EITHER A CHANGE IN THE TCA, WHICH SHOULD BE AVOIDED, OR A DRAFT ADDENDUM OR LETTER GIVING THIS INTERPRETATION TO PARA 10, EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT SUCH A DRAFT LETTER

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BE TRANSMITTED TELEGRAPHICALLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. DR. SULAIM SAID THAT THE INVESTMENT GUARANTEE AGREEMENT "MAY TAKE A LITTLE TIME" BEFORE IT IS APPROVED.

4. WE ARE UNABLE TO PREDICT HOW SOON THE TCA MIGHT BE PROMULGATED THROUGH A ROYAL DECREE AFTER ARRIVAL OF THE LETTER, BUT WE WOULD HOPE IT WOULD BE TAKEN UP ALMOST IMMEDIATELY IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THE DECREE SHOULD FOLLOW WITHIN DAYS.
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